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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 November 2003.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-3,5 and 7 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 4 and 8-10 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____. |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 1-10 are objected to because of the following informalities: it is not known what being referring as "pins of multiple specifications" (claims 1-10, lines 1-2). Also, what being referred as "it" (claim 10, line 7). Please clarify.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lu (US 2003/0066186).

Lu discloses a pair of press-connecting pliers for coaxial pins or terminals comprising:

a first handle 11 (top) having a holding sleeve on a lower end thereof for holding; a second handle 11 (lower) having a holding sleeve on a lower end thereof for holding, said first handle and said second handle are provided there between with a linkage 13 of said first handle to said second handle portion upwardly (see Figs. 2-4, and the discussed in paragraphs 0014),

a press-connecting head 16 provided on said second handle and linking with said linkage portion 13, in order that said press connecting head moved for displacement toward a press connecting die block,

said press-connecting die block 15 pivotally connected to said first handle, said press-connecting die block 16 at least has two block 161; and set of press-connecting sections for placing therein two set wires and pins of different specifications, and is adapted to divert on said first handle changing positions said press-connecting sections to make one of said press-connecting sections be aligned with said press-connecting head 16, thereby said press-connecting pliers is adapted for press connecting of pins and wires of two specifications (see Fig.3). Noting reference No. 161 and 16 represent the broadly claimed at least two block of the present application. Also the prior art reference is capable of performing the intended use such as "for placing therein two set of wires and pins of different size shape and . . . specifications", etc. (see claims 1, lines 16-22).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
 2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
 3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
 4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.
5. Claims 1-2 and 5-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lu (US 2003/0066186).

If it is argued that Lu does not teach the press connecting block having at least two set of press connecting sections, regarding to this, it would have been an obvious matter of design choice to choose any desired number of connecting section, such as first and second portions since applicant has not disclosed that these features are critical, patentably distinguishing features and it appears that the invention would perform equally well with the configuration of at least two pieces press connecting sections 15, 16 as shown in the prior art reference (see Lu' Fig 3)

As applied to claim 2, Lu's Fig. 2 shows a connecting link 13 between the first and the second handles.

As applied to claim 3, Lu discloses the handle being formed by two fixing sheets (see Fig. 2).

Limitations of claims 5 and 7 are met by Lu, see Fig. 2. shows screw connecting portion 154 and positioning portion 155 operatively associated with the fixing block 15, and that as recited in claim 7 such as adjusting height by an adjusting screw 161.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 4, 6, 8-9 and 10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Prior Art reference

7. The prior art references cited made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Minh Trinh whose telephone number is (571) 272-4569. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday -Thursday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Vo can be reached on (571) 272-4690. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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